(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bankon mein herapheri karne wale giroh ka pardah phas, ek pakra" appearing in the Janasatta dated October 14, 1991 wherein it has been stated that Kirti Nagar, New Delhi Police have brought into their net a gang doing hanky panky in the banks and post offices;

(b) if so, the details of the hanky panky of the gang and the action taken against them;

(c) the details of other police stations which have similarly brought into their net such elements; and

(d) the steps taken to further tighten the net bring into the net more such person who are engaged in cheating the public in one way or the other?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recognition of Castes as SCs/STs in States

438. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Constitution for recognition of SCs and STs recognised in a particular State, to all over India;

(b) if so, when such a bill is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Socio-economic condition of a community varies from State to State. A caste or community can not be categorised as a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribes on all India basis.

Construction work of Studio of Port Blair

439. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of the studio producing T.V. programmes at Port Blair Center has been undertaken; and

(b) if so, when the work was undertaken and the target date fixed for its completion and the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMAITON AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Civil works pertaining to Programme Generating Facility Centre at Port Blair were taken up in early 1988 and are now at final stages of completion. The Project is envisaged to be completed by March, 1992. An amount of Rs. 196.95 lakhs has so far been incurred on the Project.

Villages in Karnataka Electrified during 1991-92

440. SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electrified and unelec-

trified villages in Karnataka, district-wise;

(b) the number of villages in Karnataka electrified during 1990-91;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any survey for the rural electrification in the Bidar Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Out of a total of 27,024 villages in Karnataka, all inhabited villages numbering 26,483, which are feasible for electrification, were electrified by the end of March, 1989, thereby, the Karnataka State Electricity Board declaring that the State had reached cent percent electrification. A statement indicating the district-wise number of electrified and un-electrified villages in the State is enclosed.

(b) In view of (a) above, no additional villages were electrified in Karnataka during 1990-91.

(c) and (d). As per available information, out of 1903 villages in Bidar and Gulbarga districts (falling in Bidar Parliamentary Constituency), 1891 village stand electrified by the end of March, 1989. The remaining 12 villages are not feasible for electrification.

STATEMENT

Sl.No.	District	No.of villages as per1981 census	No. of Villages electrified	No. of Villages unelectrified
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Bangalore	2425	2384	41
2.	Belgaum	1142	1139	3
3.	Bellary	589	580	9
4.	Bidar	598	593	5
5.	Bijapur	1244	1227	17
6.	Chickmangalur	1013	978	35
7.	Chitradurga	1266	1250	16
8.	Coorg	288	284	4
9.	Dharwad	1322	1320	2
10.	Gulbarga	1305	1298	7
11.	Hassan	2371	2273	98
12.	Kolar	2848	2811	37
13.	Mandya	1354	1339	15

Sl.No.	District	No.of villages as per1981 census	No. of Villages electrified	No. of Villages unelectrified
1	2	3	4	5
14.	Mysore	1641	1562	79
15.	North Canna	1283	1244	39
16.	Raichur	1401	1382	19
17.	Shimoga	1793	1746	47
18.	South Kanara	635	635	–
19.	Tumkur	2506	2438	68
	Total:	27024	26483*	541

* Note: Out of a total of 27024 villages, 26483 villages have been electrified for 100% electrification of the State. The Board has declared that the balance 541 villages are not feasible for electrification.